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REMARKS

Responsive to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, Applicants have, by the foregoing, cancelled claims 31 and 34 and amended claims 24, 32, 33, 44 and 45. Accordingly, remaining in the application are independent claim 24 with its dependent claims 25-30 and 32; independent claim 33 with its dependent claims 35-43; and independent claim 44 with its dependent claims 45 and 46.

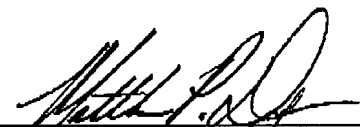
A telephone conference initiated by Examiner Kramer was held with the undersigned on April 17, 2007. During the telephone conference, claims 24, 31, 33 and 44 were discussed with specific reference being made to the proposed amendment of the independent claims to include the relevant language of dependent claim 31 and other similar claims.

The foregoing amendments are believed to place the subject application in condition for allowance. Entry of the present amendment and indication of allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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April 19, 2007
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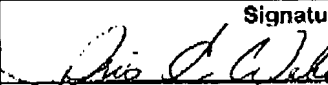

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